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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, )  
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, ) :  
PROGRAM, AND RECORDING ) :  
MEDIUM FOR GENERATING A ) :  
DIFFERENCE IMAGE FROM A FIRST )  
RADIOGRAPHIC IMAGE AND ) :  
SECOND RADIOGRAPHIC IMAGE ) :  
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LETTER CALLING ATTENTION TO ERRORS IN PATENT

Sir:

The following minor errors have been noted in the above-mentioned patent:

ON COVER PAGE AT (57) ABSTRACT

Line 4, "region" should read --region(s)--; and  
Line 5, "(s)" should be deleted.

COLUMN 1

Line 44, "images" (first occurrence) should read --image--.

COLUMN 2

Line 11, "wherein whether" should read --in which--.

COLUMN 3

Line 39, "diagram" should read --diagrams--.

COLUMN 4

Line 2, "images" (first occurrence) should read --image--;

Line 62, "may" should read --that may--; and

Line 64, "there entire disclosure" should read --the entire disclosure--.

COLUMN 12

Line 21, "images," should read --image,--.

COLUMN 16

Line 24, "is" should read --is a--.

COLUMN 18

Line 6, "one of" should read --one of the--.

These errors appear to be relatively insignificant and, therefore, we do not believe it is necessary to request a Certificate of Correction. However, it is requested that this paper be placed in the filewrapper of the above-identified patent.

Patentee's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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